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ALTERNATING PHASE-SHIFTED MASK

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 2 and 4 are pending in the present application.  
Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being  
unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,932,377 (Ferguson).

Claim 1, 3, and 5 are cancelled, thereby rendering the  
rejection of those claims moot. Claims 2 and 4 are amended  
herein.